

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number : 10/552,552 Confirmation No.: 2007  
Applicant : Marc DE BLOCK  
Filed : April 9, 2004  
Title : METHODS AND MEANS FOR INCREASING THE  
TOLERANCE OF PLANTS TO STRESS CONDITIONS  
TC/Art Unit : 1638  
Examiner: : Vinod KUMAR  
Docket No. : 58764.000049  
Customer No. : 21967

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND  
RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION OF MARCH 17, 2008**

Sir:

Applicant provides the following response to the Final Rejection mailed March 17, 2008 ("Office Action"), in the above-captioned application.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant respectfully petitions for a three month extension of time within which to submit a response to the Office Action, thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including September 17, 2008. Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** in the amount of \$1050.00 to cover the three month extension of time fee.

This response is provided in the following format:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2;

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper; and

**Exhibit A** is attached.